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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please insert the following paragraph at page 1 after "METHOD FOR TRANSFORMING PLANT, THE RESULTANT PLANT AND GENE THEREOF" and before "TECHNICAL FIELD":

This application is a Divisional of Application No. 09/646,825 filed on September 22, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,849,724) which was a Continuation of International Application Number PCT/JP99/01481 filed March 24, 1999 and which claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 10-96637/1998 filed on March 24, 1998.